

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN EDWARD BUTCHER**, on March 20, 2003 at 5:15 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Butcher, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Duane Grimes, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)  
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)  
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)  
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)  
Sen. Bob DePratu (R)  
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)  
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch  
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

**Video-taped Committee:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 538, 3/20/2003, HB 458,  
3/20/2003, HB 414, 3/2/2003, HB  
549, 3/20/2003  
Executive Action: HB 458, HB 549, HB 414

**HEARING ON HB 538**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. ALLEN ROME, HD 56, Garrison, presented HB 538 to the committee; to revise laws on motor vehicle titling and registration.

**Proponents' Testimony:** Video-recorded

**Opponents' Testimony:** Video-recorded

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

5:30pm Begin  
5:40pm End  
10 min Elapsed time

**Closing by Sponsor:**

5:41pm REP. ROME closed the hearing on HB 538. SEN. SHERM ANDERSON will carry this bill.

**HEARING ON HB 458**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. JOHN MUSGROVE, HD 91, Havre, presented HB 458 to the committee; allow disability symbol on generic specialty license plate.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

5:44pm Dean Roberts, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

5:45pm REP. MUSGROVE closed the hearing on HB 458. SEN. KEN HANSEN will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 458**

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. BOB DEPRATU moved HB 458 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEARING ON HB 414**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. JOE BALYEAT, HD 32, Bozeman, presented HB 414 to the committee; to apply existing vehicle 45-day grace period for registration to other vehicles.

**EXHIBIT(his59a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

5:51pm Bob Gilbert, representing MT. Walleyes Unlimited

**EXHIBIT(his59a02)**

5:53pm Ronda Carpenter, MT. County Treasurer's Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

5:53pm Begin

5:55pm End

2 min Elapsed time

**Closing by Sponsor:**

5:54pm REP. BALYEAT closed the hearing on HB 414. SEN. GERALD PEASE will carry this bill on the floor.

**HEARING ON HB 549**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. SUE DICKENSON, HD 47, Great Falls, presented HB 458 to the committee; to increase scholarship donation for collegiate license plates.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

6:00pm Sarah Cobler, representing Associated Students of Montana in Missoula and Dillon(ASUM) **EXHIBIT(his59a03)** and

**EXHIBIT(his59a04)**

6:03pm Bill Johnston, on behalf of the MT. Dept. of Justice

6:04pm Cathy Conover, Montana State University

6:04pm Will Hammerquist, Montana State University (ASMSU) students

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

6:05pm Begin

6:09pm End

4 min Elapsed time

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 549

**Motion:** Motion by SEN. MIKE COONEY HB 549 BE CONCURRED IN.  
Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 414

**Motion:** Motion by SEN. JERRY O'NEIL HB 414 BE CONCURRED IN.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Subcommittee Report on HB 105:

6:10pm SEN. SHERM ANDERSON reported subcommittee work.  
**EXHIBIT**(his59a05)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:15 P.M.

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SEN. EDWARD BUTCHER, Chairman

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ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (his59aad)